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SUBJECT: Reopening of Post-Offices.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

Sir:

As we have now sufficient postage stamps to distribute to the different post-offices which have not yet been reopened, it is my plan to reopen them as soon as possible. But before this can be done, it would be necessary to make arrangement as to how the different post-offices can be connected thru a system of mail routes as before the outbreak of the war.

For this purpose it shall be necessary to have at least three mail trucks to transport the mails to the different towns of Leyte in accordance with the following proposed mail routes:

1. Mail Route "Tacloban-Baybay" via Palo, Tanauan, Dagami, Burauen, Dulag and Abuyog. One truck is needed to transport the mails between these places, two or three times weekly. The letter-carriers at Tolosa and La Paz may be required to carry the mails to Tanauan and Dulag respectively by either foot or by horse.
2. Mail Route "Tacloban-Ormoc" via Alangalang, Jaro, Carigara and Capoocan. One mail truck is also needed to transport the mails on this route. The letter-carriers at Pastrana, San Miguel and Barugo may be required to carry the mails to Palo, Alangalang and Carigara respectively by either foot or by horse.
3. Mail Route "Baybay-Libagon" via Inopacan, Hindang, Hilongos, Bato, Matalom, Maasin, Macrohon, Malitbog and Sogod, also by mail truck.

To the other towns not mentioned above, mails may be carried by employing Mail Messengers from one office to another who may utilize sailboats or horses to transport the mails.

As can be seen from the above, the most important thing is to provide the means of transporting the mails

which can only be done by means of motor vehicles, in view of the long distance from one point to another. Once this is solved, it would be an easy matter to reopen the post-offices altho in certain towns the entire post-office quarters including supplies and records were entirely reduced to ashes and in certain cases they have been looted by undetermined persons. However, this can be partly solved as I have a small stock of supplies which can be distributed altho in a limited quantity.

In view of this, I strongly recommend the procurement of three mail trucks for the purpose as above stated, so that the reopening of the other post-offices shall not be further delayed.

Very respectfully,

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